

# Washington State Patrol Press Release

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## **WSP Makes ID Theft Arrest After Attorney General Provides Tip**

On December 15, 2005, the Washington State Patrol (WSP) arrested Mr. Shane Renecker, 33 years of age, of Everett for Identity Theft.

An extensive three-month investigation conducted by the WSP Identity Theft Unit culminated in Renecker's arrest for fraudulently purchasing goods by using other people's information, as well as the corporate identity of at least one small business. The exact amount of money involved is still undetermined but investigators believe the amount to be thousands of dollars.

The investigation began with information provided to WSP by the Office of the Attorney General, and has involved the United States Attorney's Office. The WSP Special Weapons and Tactics Team, Washington State Attorney General's Office and Everett Police Department assisted in the final arrest.

"The Washington State patrol deserves tremendous praise for its work in this investigation, which began promptly after I contacted them for help in this case," Attorney General Rob McKenna said. "Today's arrest is a strong testament to the success of agencies sharing resources and partnering in the fight against identity theft."

Citizens and businesses are reminded to protect their identity and business information. Citizens may obtain additional information about the crime of identity theft at [www.wsp.wa.gov](http://www.wsp.wa.gov), [www.atg.wa.gov](http://www.atg.wa.gov) or [www.dol.wa.gov](http://www.dol.wa.gov).

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